

DISCUSS ENDOWMENT OF WOMEN'S SCHOOLS

COLLEGE HEADS CONFER

Standard of Education Depends on Financial Aids Largely, and Men's Schools Get Most Help

Before a gathering of a thousand women Presidents Ada I. Comstock, Radcliffe; Ellen F. Pendleton, Wellesley; and Mary Woolley, Mount Holyoke, discussed the "Question of the Women's Colleges," recently considering their subject from the point of view of the college's educational standard, its position in present-day society, and its problem of matching small endowments to ever-increasing educational demands.

The meeting, according to the Christian Science Monitor, a unique, one of its kind, was a joint gathering of the Boston Alumnae clubs of the Seven Associated Colleges: Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley, with Mount Holyoke acting as hostess college.

The discussion was the direct outgrowth of an article published in the Atlantic Monthly of November, where a plea of fair play for the women's college was made by the presidents of the seven colleges whose alumnae took a decisive step toward establishing a better balance of equality between the men's and women's colleges.

Endowment Average Low
According to statistics given out by the Seven Associated Colleges, the average endowment in the women's college is \$150 per student, as compared to \$500 per student, in the men's, the reason for such inequality being that most of the money in the country is in the hands of men, it was said.

Miss Comstock, in opening the discussions, took as her subject, "Are

Women, in Any Numbers, Capable of the Creative Scholarship Which Contributes to the World's Store of Important Knowledge?" She considered the question from both sides, granting that the newness of the idea of higher education for women made her point a difficult one to settle.

She said that she believed the future of higher education lies in the hands of the graduate students, as from them come "the scholars who by their discoveries and interpretations make the world and the life of man intelligible to us."

Salary Increases Needed
Accordingly, she urged that the women's colleges do everything in their power to encourage and help the ablest of their graduate students, a course of procedure which would involve raising the standard of the teaching staff in order to attract promising students.

Miss Pendleton reviewed the financial problems which the women's college and the woman student must combat. She showed that although the women's college must of necessity meet the increase in salaries of its teaching staff as well as the rising costs of higher education, it dared not raise its tuition fees with the same liberty with which the men's colleges raised theirs.

This restriction was due, in the first place, to the fact that women were less able to support themselves while in college, and hence any added financial strain meant more to them than to their brother students. In the second place, women were not so able as were men to leave college burdened with an unpaid college debt.

According to Miss Pendleton, the woman leaving college with a \$1000 to \$2000 debt often finds herself in a situation which may hinder her professional advancement, or prevent her possibility of marriage.

Bolsheviks have been advised in Russia to beware of American workers because they constitute an industrial aristocracy. Of course if the American standard of living was universal the communist leaders would be out of a job.

LATIN AMERICANS SHY AT PROPAGANDA

IS OF EUROPEAN SOURCE

Value of Pan-American Congress in Havana Not to Be Menaced by Criticism Abroad

All natured comments were inspired in the European press by the Pan-American Congress. Despite persistent effort on the part of European commercial interests, assisted by a certain type of native politico, the Latin-American republics do not seem to gulp down with avidity the theory that the United States is an imperialistic, predatory nation seeking to swallow up the weaker republics of this hemisphere. The obvious answer to this irrational contention is that with the United States possessing the power to seize any territory desired in this hemisphere, weak nations whose continued independent existence alongside most of the existing European powers is inconceivable, continue to maintain their sovereignty, says Frank Litschert, in the National Republic.

In Interest of Nations
American interventions in Latin-America have ever been in the interests of the Latin-Americans themselves and have ceased when the occasion for interference has ceased. Claims to the contrary are either of alien or of partisan inspiration. Josephus Daniels gave to the country an honest and efficient administration of the Navy Department during the World War. When he criticizes in strong terms American intervention in Latin-America he forgets that there were more such interventions under the administration of which he was a part than during any period of similar length in our history. During the entire Wilson administration we bombarded a Mexican soil in pursuit of a bandit. There were partisan criticisms of this course at the time, and there was an outcry by the professional anti-American element in Latin-America, but it was clear to those disposed to be fair in the matter that President Wilson was merely discharging his duty as President under international law and the Monroe Doctrine.

Not in Sympathy
It is of course not true that the mass of Latin-Americans are in sympathy with the revolutionary elements which for many years kept the Central and South American republics in turmoil, or that they yearn for wholesale banditry practiced in the name of patriotism. Our interventions in these republics are only to protect them against unconstitutional attempts to substitute violence for the ballot in the solution of governmental problems. Our influence has promoted stability in these nations not to their injury but to the very substantial benefit of the law-abiding, peace-loving elements of the population.


The republic of Mexico owes its existence to American intervention, for it was the notice served by the United States on France at the close of the Civil War that returned Mexico from European imperialism to self government. Other republics of this hemisphere would long ago have lapsed into chaos, or become European colonies but for the fact that Uncle Sam is the friendly policeman whose beat includes the Caribbean, and as President Roosevelt said, "all the waters and islands which command the approaches to the Panama Canal." So despite the caterwaulings of envious Europeans, revolutionary Latin-Americans and partisan critics in the United States, America will continue to do her duty, that the mutual interests of the United States and Latin-America may be protected. It is a policy of friendship and of helpfulness, not of oppression and exploitation. No finer interpretation of that policy has ever been made than that contained in the inspiring address of President Coolidge at Havana at the opening of the Pan-American conference.

CONGRESS JUST THINKS IT CAN OUTSMART CAL

The rejoicement of the Democratic spell-binders over the way Congress, as they put it, is running over the President may turn out to be a little premature. Because of the constant possibilities of coalitions between the Democrats and Insurgents, Congress has been trying to run over the President since Mr. Coolidge first took office. Achievements of this nature, however, are only valuable when a direct profit accrues to the promoters. There can be no substantial denial that every time Congress bluffs the President it is Congress that loses and the President who gains.

Even those who are promoting the cabals privately admit that the public estimation of the President is higher than ever. Mr. Coolidge has an uncanny faculty of sensing the public mind, and the prediction can be made here now that if Congress at this session succeeds in carrying out the special agenda which it is planning for the President his course will again be approved by the voters at large.

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